



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

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Town Council Committee of the Whole

Mayor Harry A. Watson, Councilors Heather Sherman Bond, Kathryn M. Brown-Tracy, Catherine Kolnaski, Deborah B. Monteiro, Frank O'Beirne, Jr., Rita M. Schmidt, Paulann H. Sheets, and James L. Streeter

Tuesday, July 01, 2008

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Community Room 1

SPECIAL MEETING

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **NEW BUSINESS**
2008-0093 Council Goalsetting
4. **ADJOURNMENT**



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RESOLUTION ADOPTING TWENTY-FIFTH GROTON TOWN COUNCIL GOALS

WHEREAS, a statement of the vision and priorities of the Groton Town Council is beneficial as guidance for both the professional administrators and the citizens of the Town of Groton, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the 25th Groton Town Council adopts the following MISSION/ COMMUNITY VISION STATEMENT:

- 1) The Town Council is committed to promoting the health, safety and general welfare of the community, fostering public awareness and active participation in safeguarding the community, and maintaining the confidence of the citizens.
- 2) The Town Council will plan for the community's future and represent Groton's citizens while maintaining the highest standard of ethical behavior.
- 3) The Town Council will foster positive communication with the Town's boards and commissions, political subdivisions, and state, regional, military and other federal agencies.
- 4) The Town Council will work to establish fairness and equity in taxation.
- 5) The Town Council will work to assure that Groton is a desirable place to live and work, by providing sufficient services, stimulating economic growth, protecting the environment, and preserving the community's historic character.
- 6) The Town Council will support Town staff and employees through improved communication and clear policy direction; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the 25th Groton Town Council adopts the following GOALS:

Cultivate a shared understanding of the mission/vision statement within the community.

Use Groton's position as the largest community in the region to influence legislative policy at the regional, state and federal levels. Work to make state legislature more responsive to towns and be proactive in identifying legislative policy issues important to the Groton community.

Investigate the creation of a Reservoir and Watershed Protection Plan and Commission.

Semi-annually review and implement desired recommendations of the Plan of Conservation and Development.

Identify number, proportion, and location of residents placed at risk by revaluation and its tax impacts.

Work with the Town Manager and Board of Education with a goal to reduce spending on purchased items and services by 15%.

Work for property tax reform at the state level, such as supporting SB 535.



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Monitor and support improvements to the Groton Senior Center.

Continue to monitor and evaluate existing emergency management plans, including installation and maintenance of back up generation at Fitch High School, Town Hall, and the sewage treatment plant.

Review and support the development of the Economic Development Strategic Plan.

Discourage the creation of an agency with the power of eminent domain.

Encourage land use agencies to address the issue of residential sprawl and consider adoption of alternative "smart growth" concepts.

Meet with land use agencies (Planning, Zoning, and Inland Wetlands Agency) to discuss policy.

Investigate a Town-wide property maintenance code.

Support and participate in the various state and local committees working to protect the future of the U. S. Submarine Base.

Improve communications between the Town of Groton and the Submarine Base so as to develop a far-reaching and stronger relationship between the Town of Groton and the Submarine Base.

Monitor the development of Phase II of the school improvement project.

Support investigation of aspects of regionalism.

The Town Council will inform itself about the estimated impact of reduction in workforces for the Town's major employers.

Establish a committee to conduct a feasibility study for the purpose of establishing a community/cultural center for Groton's citizens.
